



# TRAFFIC ALERT

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## **VDOT BRISTOL'S WEEKLY TRAFFIC ALERT: November 23 – 29, 2009**

BRISTOL, Va. – To ease travel during the Thanksgiving holiday, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) will suspend lane closures for construction and maintenance work on interstate, primary and major secondary routes around the state.

Beginning at noon Wednesday, Nov. 25, until noon Monday, Nov. 30, all travel lanes will be open to traffic. Long-term construction zones with concrete barriers or orange barrels will remain in place.

To help to take the guesswork out of your holiday travel plans, VDOT always encourages motorists to call 511 or visit [www.511Virginia.org](http://www.511Virginia.org) for real-time traffic information.

### **INTERSTATE PROJECTS**

**Interstate 81 – guardrail installation:** Expect lane closures during daylight hours due to guardrail and rumble strip installation work on Interstate 81 north and southbound near Exit 35 in Chilhowie. (Completion: November 2009)

**\*\*\*Interstate 77 maintenance activities:** No maintenance activities scheduled this week.

**\*\*\*Interstates 81 maintenance activities:** Be alert to guardrail repairs on northbound Interstate 81 near Exit 14 in Abingdon and bridge deck patching northbound near mile marker 34 in Smyth County and southbound near Exit 29 in Washington County.

### **PRIMARY HIGHWAYS AND HIGH TRAFFIC SECONDARY ROADS:**

**\*\*\*Pavement Markings - mobile, rolling work zones:** Work to apply pavement markings will resume in the spring.

### **Buchanan County**

**Route 460 Grundy – Phase II:** Motorists may experience delays this week due to demolition, excavation and blasting work as part of the Route 460 road widening project located between the newly constructed section of Route 460 in downtown Grundy to Route 615 in the Cow Town area. Pay close attention to flaggers directing traffic through the work zone. (Completion: mid-November 2011)

**Buchanan County- Water Line, Sewer Line Installation:** The following projects in areas of Buchanan County will restrict traffic to one lane during daylight hours:

- Water line installation work on Routes 602 and 601 in the Duty area of Buchanan and Dickenson counties (Completion: summer 2010)
- Sewer line installation work on Route 604 in the Poplar Creek area. (Completion: spring 2010)

### **Dickenson County**

**Sewer line project – various routes:** Due to sewer line projects on Routes 72, 83 and 621 west of Clintwood in Dickenson County be alert to the possibility of daytime lane closures along these routes. (Completion: spring 2010)

**Route 658 (Flat Spur Road):** Motorists may experience delays on a section of Route 658 (Flat Spur Road) in Dickenson County due to a road widening project. The project extends 1.43 miles on Route 658 to the intersection of Route 800. Be alert to flaggers directing traffic during daylight hours. (Completion: May 2010)

**Water line installation – various routes:** Be alert to periodic lane closures on various secondary routes throughout Dickenson County due to the Big Caney III and IV and the Multi-Community water line installation projects. (Completion: summer 2010)

### **Grayson County**

**Route 58 bridge repairs:** Due to bridge repairs, traffic is being controlled by signals on the Route 58 bridge over Peach Bottom Creek located just east of Independence in Grayson County. The bridge is restricted to one 14-foot-wide lane during repairs. Use caution in this area. (Completion: May 2010)

**Route 842 (Twin Pond Road):** Be alert to the possibility of lane closures due to improvements along a section of Route 842 (Twin Pond Road) in the Fries area. (Completion: December 2009)

**Route 748 (Laurel Creek Road):** Be alert to the possibility of lane closures due to improvements along a section of Route 748 (Laurel Creek Road) in the Rugby area. (Completion: December 2009)

### **Russell County**

**Route 618:** A section of Route 618 in the Rabbit Ridge section of Russell County has been closed to allow Paramount Coal Company Virginia LLC to perform surface mine operations in the area. The 0.4-mile section begins about one-mile east of Route 600 and extends eastward. When the mining operations are complete, Paramount Coal Company Virginia LLC will rebuild the closed section of Route 618, eliminating steep grades and sharp curves along the existing section of Route 618.

### **Smyth County**

**Route 622 (Nick's Creek Road):** Due to a project to widen and replace a bridge on Route 622 (Nick's Creek Road) in Smyth County, a section of the route is closed to traffic. Motorists can detour around the project by using Kelly Hill Road, Pierce Road, Big Prater Road and Route 16. Motorists are advised to use caution in this area and pay close attention to detour signs. (Completion: December 1, 2009)

**Route 11 – bridge replacement:** Traffic signals are controlling one-lane traffic on Route 11 at the west end of Chilhowie due to a bridge replacement project. Use caution in this area. (Completion: July 2010)

### **Wise County**

**Water and sewer line project – downtown Pound:** Lane closures are possible on Business Route 23 through Pound due to a downtown revitalization project. Water and sewer line work, as well as repaving and sidewalk construction are underway in this area. (Completion: summer 2010)

**Route 23 – cross-over project:** North and southbound traffic on Route 23 at J.W. Adams Combined School in Wise County has been shifted to the northbound lanes due to construction of a cross-over at the school. One-lane traffic is separated by concrete barriers and there is a 14-foot width restriction through the work zone. The speed limit in the work zone is 45 miles per hour. Motorists should use caution in this area, especially during morning and afternoon traffic peaks at the school. (Completion: August 2010)

**Alternate Route 58 – water and sewer line installation:** Motorists may experience periodic lane closures on Alternate Route 58 between St. Paul and Virginia City and between Carfax and Virginia City due to water and sewer line installation projects. (Completion: December 2009)

**Route 78 bridge:** Traffic crossing the Route 78 bridge over Callahan Creek at Appalachia is being controlled by signals. The bridge has been reduced to one 12-foot-lane while the superstructure is being replaced. (Completion: November 2009)

### **Wythe County**

**Route 649 (Atkins Mill Road):** Be alert to the possibility of lane closures on a section of Route 649 (Atkins Mill Road) in the Wytheville area due to roadway improvements. (Completion: December 2009)

**Route 100 bridge and Route 637 (Greenbriar Road):** Due to bridge repairs, the Route 100 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek has been restricted to one 12-foot-wide lane and traffic signals are controlling traffic on both ends of the bridge. Route 637 (Greenbriar Road) in Wythe County has been closed due to the bridge project. Route 100 can be accessed from Route 637 about 1.5-miles south of the bridge project (Completion: May 2010)

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